

Special Board Meeting of August 22, 2017

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Whitehall School District 4, 47 and 2 of Madison and Jefferson Counties was held on August 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitehall Middle School Library.

Board Members:

Michelle LaFontaine, Chair
James Reiff, Vice-Chair
Gina Ossello
Jeff Briggs
Sharon Howard
Sue Pullman
Paul Shaw

Administrators:

John T. Sullivan - Superintendent
Patti Drake, District Clerk
Britt McLean – K-5 Principal
Hannah Nieskens – 6-12 Principal

Visitors: Tyler South, Mikal Ann Spolar

AGENDA

ITEM:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Michelle LaFontaine

Flag Salute

Approval of Agenda

Gina Ossello made a motion to approve the agenda.
Sharon Howard seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, James Reiff, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Visitors

The visitors were welcomed to the meeting and were told that a public comment period for matters of a general nature would be held later in the meeting.

Public Comment

None

Minutes

None

Correspondence

None

PARENT PETITION

Tyler South and Mikal Spolar are asking the board to approve the enrollment of their daughter Camry to kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Camry's birthday is September 11th and the date set by OPI for enrollment into kindergarten is September 10th. Tyler told the board that his daughter is very bright, she can read, count, color very well and knows her alphabet. He feels she is academically ready for kindergarten. Mikal Ann asked the board to give her the opportunity to attend kindergarten. Michelle asked if she attended the kindergarten roundup and the parents responded she didn't because they were told she was too young to attend kindergarten. After much more discussion, a motion was made.

Sharon Howard made an elementary motion to allow the student to attend kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year.
Jeff Briggs seconded the motion.
In Favor: Sharon Howard, Jeff Briggs
Opposed: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, James Reiff
Motion failed

REPORTS:

Elementary Principal No Report
High School Principal No Report
Superintendent (See attached)

NEW BUSINESS:

**Review 2016-17 Trustee
Financial Statements**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed in length the 2016-2017 Trustee Financial Statement for both the Elementary and High School Districts.

Gina Ossello made an elementary motion to accept the 2016-2017 Trustee Financial Statement as submitted.
James Reiff seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard
Opposed: None
Motion carried.

Sue Pullman made a high school motion to accept the 2016-2017 Trustee Financial Statement as submitted.
James Reiff seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

**2017-2018 Whitehall School
District Budgets**

Mr. Sullivan reviewed in length the 2017-2018 Budgets for both the Elementary and High School Districts. He explained that even though our budget amount that we are given from OPI is down in both districts, the local taxpayers taxes will be going up because of legislative cuts.

Sharon Howard made an elementary motion to accept the 2017-2018 Budget as submitted.
James Reiff seconded the motion.
In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard
Opposed: None
Motion carried.

James Reiff made a high school motion to accept the 2017-2018 Budget as submitted.
Paul Shaw seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, James Reiff, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Recommend for Hire

Mr. Sullivan recommended the board hire Savannah Gendreau as the K-5 Counselor/Title Teacher.

Gina Ossello made an elementary motion to hire Savannah Gendreau as the K-5 Counselor/Title Teacher.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, James Reiff

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mr. Sullivan recommended the board hire Malcolm Neill as the MS Volleyball Coach.

James Reiff made an elementary motion to hire Malcolm Neill for the MS Volleyball Coach.

Sharon Howard seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, James Reiff

Opposed: None

Motion carried

2017-2018 Lunch Prices

Mr. Sullivan explained to the board that we have received notification from OPI that we are below the recommended lunch fee prices. He asked the board to raise the lunch prices by \$.25: K-6 to \$2.50, 7-12 to \$2.75 and Adult to \$3.50.

James Reiff made a motion raise lunch prices as submitted.

Gina Ossello seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, James Reiff, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

Opposed: None

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Gina Ossello made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

James Reiff seconded the motion.

In Favor: Michelle LaFontaine, Gina Ossello, Jeff Briggs, Sharon Howard, James Reiff, Sue Pullman, Paul Shaw

Opposed: None

Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Signed:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Clerk